

5.5 Undetermined Coefficients (continued)

example

$$y'' - y = \cosh(x)$$

$$\text{solution: } y = y_c + y_p$$

y_c : solution to $y'' - y = 0$

$$y_c = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}$$

particular solution y_p : due to right side

option 1: rewrite $\cosh(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$

guess form of $y_p = Ae^x + Be^{-x}$

now check if any of y_p duplicates $y_c \rightarrow$ both Ae^x and Be^{-x} duplicate y_c

fix: multiply the culprits by x

corrected y_p : $y_p = Ax e^x + Bx e^{-x}$

$$\cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cosh(x) = \sinh(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sinh(x) = \cosh(x)$$

$$\text{Plug } y_p \text{ into } y'' - y = \cosh(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$$

$$y_p = Axe^x + Bxe^{-x}$$

$$y_p' = Ae^x + Axe^x + Be^{-x} - Bxe^{-x}$$

$$y_p'' = 2Ae^x + Axe^x - 2Be^{-x} + Bxe^{-x}$$

$$2Ae^x + \cancel{Axe^x} - 2Be^{-x} + \cancel{Bxe^{-x}} - \cancel{Axe^x} - \cancel{Bxe^{-x}} = \frac{1}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$$

$$2A = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{so } A = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$-2B = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{so } B = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{so, } \boxed{y_p = \frac{1}{4}xe^x - \frac{1}{4}xe^{-x}}$$

$$y'' - y = \cosh(x)$$

option 2: work w/ hyperbolic functions

$$y_c = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} \quad \text{from definitions of } \cosh(x) \text{ and } \sinh(x)$$

we can get

$$e^x = \cosh(x) + \sinh(x)$$

$$e^{-x} = \cosh(x) - \sinh(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_c &= C_1 \cosh(x) + C_1 \sinh(x) + C_2 \cosh(x) - C_2 \sinh(x) \\
 &= (C_1 + C_2) \cosh(x) + (C_1 - C_2) \sinh(x) \\
 &\quad \text{abuse/reuse } C\text{'s}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_c = C_1 \cosh(x) + C_2 \sinh(x)$$

right side: $\cosh(x)$

guess y_p : $y_p = A \cosh(x) + B \sinh(x)$ just like w/ $\cos(x)$ and $\sin(x)$

~~$y_p' = A \sinh(x) + B \cosh(x)$~~

~~$y_p'' = A \cosh(x) + B \sinh(x)$~~

check duplication: both $A \cosh(x)$ and $B \sinh(x)$ are duplicating y_c

fix: throw in x 's

corrected y_p : $y_p = Ax \cosh(x) + Bx \sinh(x)$

$$y_p' = Ax \sinh(x) + A \cosh(x) + B \sinh(x) + Bx \cosh(x)$$

$$y_p'' = 2A \sinh(x) + Ax \cosh(x) + B \sinh(x) + 2B \cosh(x)$$

sub into $y'' - y = \cosh(x)$

\vdots

$$A = 0, B = +\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{so, } \boxed{y_p = \frac{1}{2} x \sinh(x)}$$

Example

$$y^{(5)} + 2y^{(4)} - y = 3$$

find y_p .

y_c : from roots of $r^5 + 2r^4 - 1 = 0$

how to factor this??

look at form of y_p first.

right side: 3 \rightarrow form of y_p is $y_p = A$

does it duplicate any part of y_c ?

if $y_p = A$ were to duplicate any part of y_c ,

one of the roots of $r^5 + 2r^4 - 1 = 0$ must be 0

because $y = e^{0x} = 1 \rightarrow$ constant duplicated by $y_p = A$

is $r=0$ a root of $r^5 + 2r^4 - 1 = 0$? No.

so no risk of duplication, so $y_p = A$ is ok.

$$y^{(5)} + 2y^{(4)} - y = 3 \quad \text{sub in } y_p = A$$
$$-A = 3 \quad y_p' = 0$$
$$A = -3 \quad y_p'' = 0$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \vdots$$
$$\quad \quad \quad y_p^{(n)} = 0$$

so, $y_p = -3$

example Find the correct form of y_p w/ solving the constants

$$y'' + y = x \cos x$$

$$y_c = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$$

right side: $x \cos x$

1st-degree
polynomial

$\cos x$ and $\sin x$
appear in y_c together

initial guess of y_p :

$$y_p = (Ax + B) \cos x + (Cx + D) \sin x$$

$$y_p = Ax \cos x + B \cos x + Cx \sin x + D \sin x$$

duplication? yes. ~~$Ax \cos x$~~ $B \cos x$ and $D \sin x$ duplicate y_c

fix: throw in $x \rightarrow Bx \cos x$ doesn't duplicate y_c
but duplicates $Ax \cos x$ in y_p

fix: throw in another x

corrected y_p :

$$y_p = Ax \cos x + Bx^2 \cos x + Cx \sin x + Dx^2 \sin x$$

$$y_p' = \dots$$

$$y_p'' = \dots$$

sub into $y'' + y = x \cos x$

$$A = \frac{1}{4}, B = 0, C = 0, D = \frac{1}{4}$$

example $y^{(5)} + 2y^{(3)} + 2y'' = 3x^2 - 1$

form of y_p only

initial guess: $y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$

if this were to duplicate y_c , not least one root is 0

$$r^5 + 2r^3 + 2r^2 = r^2(r^3 + 2r + 2)$$

0, 0

exponential, cosine, sine,
but NOT 0

$$y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

↑ duplicates
↑ duplicates

throw in one x: duplicates
still

throw in two x: OK!

$$y_p = x^2(Ax^2 + Bx + C)$$

$$y_1 = 1 \quad (e^{0x})$$

$$y_2 = x \quad (\text{second } e^{0x})$$

$$y_3 =$$

$$y_4 =$$

$$y_5 =$$

next time: another method → Variation of Parameters